



This Native Plant Pollinator Garden at the Springfield Museums, maintained by Master Gardener members of the Springfield Garden Club, includes Liatris, Monarda, Phlox and Asclepias.

GCFM Native Plant Challenge Extended!



*The **Native Plant Challenge** continues to attract the attention of garden clubs and individual gardeners across Massachusetts. Many hundreds of native plants have been added to civic and private spaces during the past 18 months and more projects are being planned. We have started to think about spring and all of the opportunities that exist for bringing even more native plants into our gardens.*

GCFM has decided to extend the Challenge for another two years giving us more opportunities to learn about the native plants that we can grow and to enjoy the beneficial wildlife they will bring to our gardens.
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SPOT THE NATIVE

Can you spot the native in this mixed, sunny border? Say hello to **Phlox “Fashionably Early Crystal”**. This is a hybrid of two

native phlox species, Phlox “maculata” and Phlox “paniculata”. It has a long bloom period and good disease resistance. Its pinkish white blooms look lovely in this garden with non natives; Salvia nemerosa “Caradonna”, Rosa “Lady of Shalott”, Paeonia lactiflora, and “Edulis Superba”. Another example of how we can successfully include native plants in our existing perennial flower beds.

Beth Jakubowski - Weston Garden Club



My Favorite Native

Native Plants to Know and Grow!



Agastache (Fragrant Hyssop)

This Summer and early fall blooming plant produces oodles of fragrant blooms over mounded foliage. It grows 12 to 36 inches tall, likes full sun and good drainage. Agastache is also drought tolerant and deer resistant. Attractive to butterflies and bees particularly the bumblebee, small resin bee, leaf cutter bee and long horned bee, this plant is a great source of nectar for insects, with pollen transported from flower to flower on the heads of the “visitors”.

Ann Cairns - Shrewsbury GC

RESOURCES

Looking for Answers? Inspiration? Is it Native?

Ecological Landscaping Alliance - ecolandscaping.org

National Wildlife Foundation - nwf.org

Native Plant Trust - nativeplanttrust.org (Plant Sale now taking orders)

Grow Native Massachusetts - grownativemass.org

Sudbury Valley Trustees - svtweb.org

Where to find Native Plants

Prairie Moon Nursery - prairiemoon.com (Mail Order)

Russels Garden Center - russellsgardencenter.com

Bagley Pond Perennials - <https://bagleypondperennials.com/>

Central Mass Nursery - <http://www.centralmassgardens.com/> (Mail Order)

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